

**Department of Historic Resources
Reconnaissance Level Survey**

Accomack

DHR Id#: 001-0027-0033

Resource Identification

Property Name(s): WFF # D-137 - Water Treatment Pump House
{ Current}
Property Date: 1955
Address(s): Rehor Road { }
County/Independent City: Accomack
Vicinity of: Chincoteague
State, Zip: Virginia 23337
USGS Quad Name: CHINCOTEAGUE WEST
Surrounding area: Rural

National Register Eligibility Status
Property is not Historic (50 years or older)

Resource Description

Ownership Status: Public - Federal
Acreage: 0.5

Primary Resource Exterior Component Description:

<u>Component</u>	<u>Comp Type/Form</u>	<u>Material</u>	<u>Material Treatment</u>
Chimneys	Chimneys - None		
Foundation	Foundation - Slab	Concrete	Foundation - Poured
Porch	Porch - None		
Roof			Roof - Not visible
Structural System	Structural System - Masonry	Concrete	Structural System - Block
Windows	Windows - Sash, double-hung	Wood	Windows - 2/2

Site Description: On a slightly sloping grassy hill, between D-095 (001-0027-0023) and D-004 (001-0027-0012).

WUZIT Count:

<u>No.</u>	<u>Wuzit Types</u>	<u>Historic?</u>
1	Pump House	Historic

NR Resource Count:

Individual Resource Information

WUZIT: Pump House

Est. Date of Construction:	1955 {Owner/written data}	Accessed?	Yes
Primary Resource?	Yes	Number of Stories:	1.0
Architectural Style:	Other	Condition:	Good
Interior Plan Type:	Other	Threats to Resource:	None Known
Description:	The rectangular building has a poured concrete slab foundation and a flat roof surrounded on three sides by parapet walls; the roof materials are not visible. Aluminum flashing runs along the top edges of the parapets. Each window and doorway opening is surmounted by a concrete lintel. The windows of the building are the original two-over-two double hung wood sash. A set of metal double doors, each with a small, rectangular fixed-pane window, is located on the west elevation. A similar single door is located on the south.		

Cemetery Information

Bridge Information

National Register Eligibility Information

Historic Context(s): Military/Defense

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Historic Time Period(s):..... S- The New Dominion (1941- Present)

Significance Statement: This concrete block building, built in 1955, functions as a Water Treatment Pump Houses and contains associated mechanical equipment and supplies, a function that is consistent with its original use. The building was identified as "D-137" on the 1957 "General Development Plan – Naval Air Station, Naval Ordnance Test Station, Chincoteague, Virginia" by the U.S. Navy. The building is located in a grassy area beyond the end of a short access drive off Rehor Road, between Building D-4 Water Pumping Station and D-95 Water Reservoir, just to the south of the east-west runway (WFF # 10-28).

The building is representative of a secondary resource associated with an Military/Defense property type that gained importance in the New Dominion (1945 – present) period. The building was one of several buildings constructed as part of the Chincoteague Naval Auxiliary Air Station (CNAAS) in the mid-1950s. Established in 1943, CNAAS was used as a training base for Navy aircraft carrier squadrons that would be serving in the Pacific theater of World War II, and to enable Civil Air Patrol to conduct antisubmarine operations off the Atlantic coast. In 1946, the U.S. Navy expanded the mission of CNAAS to include the Naval Air Ordnance Test Station (NAOTS). By 1949, the U.S. Navy discontinued aircraft carrier training and in 1951 CNAAS became a Naval Air Facility, with a primarily research-based mission that corresponded with the mission of NAOTS until the base was closed in 1959. In 1959, the ownership of CNAAS was transferred to the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) and was renamed Wallops Station. The building has essentially retained its original use throughout its history on the base.

The Water Treatment Pump House has been evaluated both as a contributing resource in a historic district and as an individual resource. Issues of significance, integrity, and district boundaries were carefully considered. A proposed district comprising this resource lacks integrity of design, setting, materials, workmanship, feeling, and association due to the removal of the majority of buildings from the period of significance (1936 to 1959) and the construction of later buildings. Thus a historic district here is not eligible under Criterion A, B, C, or D.

As an individual resource, it is not eligible for listing in the National Register or the Virginia Landmarks Register under Criterion A, B, C, or D as it is not associated with a significant event or individual at the local, state or national level; it does not embody the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction, or represent the work of a master, or possess high artistic values, or represent a significant or distinguishable entity whose components may lack individual distinction; nor does this property have the potential for providing additional information in history or prehistory.

The resource retains its integrity of location, design, materials, workmanship, and feeling. Although remaining in its historic location, the building's integrity of setting and association have been adversely affected by the changes made to the surrounding setting of the base of which it was a part; by 2004 the majority of buildings of this period have been demolished, changing the historic character of the physical environment of the building's historic context.

Bibliographic Documentation

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Reference #: 1

Bibliographic RecordType: Map

Author: U.S. Navy

Citation Abbreviation:

Notes: "Map of Navy Auxiliary Air Station and Naval Ordnance Test Station, Chincoteague, Virginia." 1950.

Reference #: 2

Bibliographic RecordType: Map

Author: Giffles and Valet

Citation Abbreviation:

Notes: Giffels and Valet, Engineers and Architects, Detroit, Michigan. "General Plot Plan – Auxiliary Air Station, Chincoteague, Virginia." 1942.

Reference #: 3

Bibliographic RecordType: Map

Author: U.S. Navy

Citation Abbreviation:

Notes: "Station Development Map – Naval Auxiliary Air Station, Naval Aviation Ordnance Test Station, Chincoteague, Virginia." 1953.

Ownership Information

Graphic Media Documentation

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Cultural Resource Management (CRM) Events

CRM Event # 1,

Cultural Resource Management Event: Reconnaissance Survey

Date: 2003/08/08

Organization or Person: URS Group

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CRM Event Notes or Comments: 7101 Wisconsin Avenue, Suite 700
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Cultural Resource Management Event: Reconnaissance Survey

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